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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, in which it endorsed the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2] and its resolution 57/276 of 20 December 2002 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Reaffirming its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, by which it adopted the Millennium Declaration, in particular its paragraph 15 in which the heads of State and Government undertook to address the special needs of the least developed countries,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 2001/320 of 24 October 2001, in which it decided to establish a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2003/17 of 22 July 2003, in which the Council took note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,[3]

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 2003/287 of 24 July 2003, in which the Council adopted the theme "Resource mobilization and enabling

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/12.

[2] A/CONF.191/11.

[3] A/58/86-E/2003/81.

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environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010", as the theme of its high-level segment of 2004,

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General,[3]

1. *Expresses its deep concern* over the weak implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2] and expresses its expectation of more vigorous implementation by all partners;

2. *Reiterates* that the Programme of Action offers a framework for partnership, based on mutual commitments by least developed countries and their developed partners to undertake concrete actions for the implementation of all the measures set out in the Programme of Action;

3. *Calls* on the development partners of the least developed countries, including multilateral financial institutions, to honour their commitments regarding the effective and expeditious implementation of the Programme of Action;

4. *Urges* the developed countries that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts to implement effectively their commitments on official development assistance to the least developed countries, as contained in paragraph 83 of the Programme of Action;

5. *Urges* the least developed countries and their development partners to make the Programme of Action an effective tool for the implementation of the poverty reduction strategies at the national level for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

6. *Invites* the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and all other international organizations, within their respective mandates, to support, as a priority, the implementation of the Programme of Action, including programmes of financial and technical cooperation devoted to the least developed countries in support of their national development programmes, including their poverty reduction strategies;

7. *Stresses* the need for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and its annual assessment at the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, and recognizes in this regard the critical importance of the participation of the least developed countries in the assessment process of the Programme of Action;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to defray the cost of the participation of two government representatives from each least developed country in the annual assessment of the Programme of Action by the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures, with the full participation of regional economic commissions and relevant United Nations bodies, to support the participation of the least developed countries in international meetings, as well as in their preparation and consultation processes;

10. *Stresses* the urgent need for the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources for the implementation of the Programme of Action, invites, in this regard, contributions from multilateral and bilateral donors, and requests the Secretary-General to seek funding from all possible sources for this purpose;

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordinating action within the United Nations system for the implementation of the Programme of Action, and calls on the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States to fulfil its functions in accordance with resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001;

12. *Calls* on the Secretary-General to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action in a more analytical and results-oriented way by putting greater emphasis on concrete results and indicating the progress achieved in its implementation.